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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Book on the U-2 and the Abortive Summit Conference

1. Mr. Pierre Salinger raised the following matter with me today: He said that two newspapermen, Abe Wise and Tom Ross, were writing a book on the U-2 and the ill-fated Summit Conference of 1960. He said that these authors wanted to interview Mr. Kelly Johnson of Lockheed in order to hear from him the story of the development of the U-2 aircraft. Mr. Johnson has apparently declined to speak with these writers unless he obtains permission from the Agency. They are attempting to have Mr. Salinger intercede on their behalf, but he does not want to do anything on the matter without Agency guidance.

2. I assume that you are familiar with this upcoming book and with the Kelly Johnson angle. Nevertheless, I would appreciate knowing what the Agency position is and what you would like me to tell Mr. Salinger. He is prepared to sit tight, or, if we have no objection to a talk with Mr. Johnson, he can exact a quid pro quo from the authors that they submit that part of the manuscript for censorship on security grounds and possibly arrange for an Agency officer to be present when the interview is granted.

3. Will you please advise me.

(Signed) Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Chief of Operations, DD/P

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